

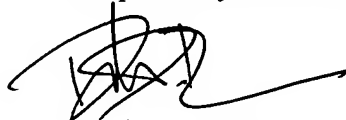
Remarks

All the pending claims (claims 1 and 40-71) stand rejected under an obviousness-type double patenting rejection in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,608,749.

With this response, Applicants are filing a terminal disclaimer to overcome the rejection. As the Office (and public) should be aware, the filing of a terminal disclaimer does not create any estoppel or presumption regarding the merits of the rejection. *Quad Environmental Tech. Corp. v. Union Sanitary Dist.*, 946 F.2d 870 (Fed. Cir. 1991).

Applicants respectfully assert that the application is in condition for allowance. If there are any questions or concerns, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at 512-536-3005 or by e-mail at dbahler@fulbright.com.

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